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DURING PERIODIC CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
AFRICAN AFFAIRS OFFICER (VERKAMEN), HE TOLD US FOLLOWING
OF INTEREST ON ANGOLA:

-SOUTH AFRICAN DEBATE ON ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT-ON

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EVE OF DEBATE IN SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT ON WIDENING
OR RESTRICTING OF SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLAN

WAR, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN SOUTH AFRICA PREDICTS THAT SAG WILL MARKEDLY STEP UP ITS COMMITMENTS THERE INCLUDING INTRODUCTION OF MORE TROOPS AND MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS;

-CUBANS CARRYING BRUNT OF FIGHTING-BELGIAN CONSULAR OFFICER IN LUANDA (GRAFFE) REPORTS THAT CUBAN TROOPS NOW ARE DOING VIRTUALLY ALL OF FIGHTING IN ANGOLA, AND MPLA TROOPS BASICALLY MOVE IN AFTER BATTLE TO OCCUPY CAPTURED TERRITORY;

-SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION-GRAFFE REPORTS FROM LUANDA THAT YUGOSLAVIA ONLY EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY WITH AMBASSADOR IN ANGOLA. THERE ARE PRESENTLY FOUR SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN LUANDA, BUT THESE FOUR GO TO GREAT PAINS TO STRESS THAT THERE IS NO SOVIET EMBASSY AND THEY ARE MERELY "DIPLOMATIC WORKING GROUPS" ON SOVIET CALLS HIMSELF "CHIEF OF GROUP" AND ALL LIVE IN HOTEL RATHER THAN ANY DIPLOMATIC RESIDENCE. OFFICIAL SOVIET DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION TO ANGOLA IS THROUGH SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN BRAZZAVILLE, WHO HAS NOT YET PRESENTED CREDENTIALS. ON EAST GERMAN DIPLOMAT IS IN LUANDA AND EMPHASIZES THAT HE HAS "NO CLEAR STATUS." HE IS ALWAYS IN COMPANY OF SOVIET WORKING GROUP.

-EX-KATANGA GENDARMES ALSO ON NORTH WESTERN FRONT-GRAFFE REPORTS THAT THE EX-KATANGA GENDARMES FOUGHT ALSON SIDE MPLA DURING CAPTURE OF AMBRIZETE, ON COAST NORTHWEST OF LUANDA. SON OF KATANGA PRESIDENT MOSE TSHOMBE HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US (REFTEL B) THAT EX-GENDARMES ONLY ENGAGED IN NORTH-EAST SECTOR, FROM HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO TO THE ZAIRE (KATANGA) FRONTIER. FIRESTONE

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